



Approved Minutes
Historic Preservation Board

(Approved on July 24, 2014. Motion made by Schaffer-Metcalf and seconded by Bernard Dawson)

Date: May 22, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 57 E. First Street, Lower Level Council Chambers

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
Clara Ziervogel, Chair Wendy Mack-Allred, Vice Chair Michelle Dahlke James Taylor Bernard Dawson	Dane Astle	John Wesley Kim Steadman Rebecca Gorton	Vic Linoff; Mesa Preservation Foundation Donna Bengel, Resident Haydee Dawson; Resident Jim Ripley; Resident Debbie Elliott; Resident Virginia Berg; Resident Pam Ripley; Resident

1) Call meeting to order

Chair Ziervogel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) Approval of the April 24, 2014 minutes

Board Action: The April 24, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

First Motion made by Board member Dawson and seconded by Board member Taylor.

Motion carried 5-0.

3) Review, discuss and make a recommendation on the request for the Historic Landmark Overlay for property located at 15 East First Avenue. Case #HL14-001

Staff member Kim Steadman presented the request from the First United Methodist Church to establish a Historic Landmark Overlay. The church is requesting the overlay to encompass three structures within its campus. They are; the sanctuary and steeple, Stewart chapel and the bell tower atop the columbarium.

Mr. Steadman's staff report proposed eight (8) Historic Overlay Standards. However, prior to the meeting Mr. Steadman had the opportunity to discuss these standards with the applicant, who requested items "g" and "h" be removed. Item "g" states that minor modifications can proceed without a Certificate of Appropriateness; and Item "h" states that major modifications will require a Certificate of Appropriateness. The applicant would prefer not to have open ended stipulations. They assured the board that their desire is to maintain the integrity of the church campus.

Board member Taylor stated that he is concerned with removing the two standards. Mr. Taylor desires to preserve the historic integrity of the property and has trepidation about removing the regulations. Board member Taylor also suggested that the word "subsequently" be added to item c before going to the Planning and Zoning Board for approval. Planning Director John Wesley stated that the staff report will be amended prior to presenting to the Planning and Zoning Board.

A motion was made by Board member Dahlke to approve the request for the Historic Landmark Overlay for Case #HL14-001 with the removal of "g" and "h" under the Historic Overlay Standards. The motion was seconded by Board member Dawson.

Motion carried 5-0.

4) Discuss status of efforts to establish historic district(s) or landmark(s) for:

a. 2nd Avenue and Pasadena/1st Methodist Church

Vice Chair Mack-Allred that she is hoping that the 2nd Avenue/Pasadena will be the next project in line for *Historic District designation*. She is still waiting to set up fundraisers.

b. Washington Park-Escobedo

Mr. Wesley stated that there has been some communication with Mr. Murray. The challenge is to come up with ways to pursue the project together.

c. Downtown

There is no update.

d. Westside/Clark

There is no update.

e. Sherwood

There is no update.

f. Buckhorn Baths

Mr. Vic Linoff stated that this continues to be ongoing. It appears that the only item left to take care of is a signature from the City of Mesa and the city can take possession of the property. There are still seven people living on the property and they will need to vacate the premises as soon as the City takes possession.

g. Federal Building

Chair Ziervogel stated that the letters prepared to the Mayor and Council which declared the Board's desire to complete this project had been delivered and she thanked everyone for signing them. Chair Ziervogel stated that the Board is now on record with the City. The completion of the Federal Building may be moved back to early 2016. Mr. Linoff stated that there is a shortfall of money to complete the project, however there is still a commitment to move forward with the restorations.

5) Update on the historic highway signage for former US Highways 60, 70, 80, and 89 on Main Street
Donna Benge stated that she is hoping to hear about the grant next month.

6) Update on the proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations

Mr. Vic Linoff gave a presentation showing the two drafts of Interpretive Historic Panels that have been received from Valley Metro. Each platform has a different theme and is currently being proofed. Board member Dahlke and Board member Taylor stated that they are pleased with the design and that the color is wonderful. These panels will be the only panels at any of the Light Rail Stations which are in color and have the QR code so that passengers can hear a story on their smart phone.

7) Review and discuss ideas and topics for the 2014/2015 student writing contest

Board member Dahlke has prepared the language for the contest. She is proposing that the contest goes to 4th through 6th graders. Board member Dahlke has activities for other students to participate in so this will keep the age range to a smaller group for the writing contest. Board member Dahlke is working with Ron Peters to prepare a coloring book as a pilot program for the younger students, and service oriented projects for the high school students.

The two categories that Ms. Dahlke suggested for the students to write about is a story that depicts the life and times of the Hohokam or the Mesa Grande Park. Administrative Support Assistant, Rebecca Gorton

will email the Board members details about the contest which will include deadlines as soon as they become available.

There was discussion of the dates the contest would run. Member Dahlke stated that the teachers she spoke with would like to have the contest begin after the holidays and end before spring break. It was decided that the contest will begin in January, submissions reviewed in February, with awards presented in March. Details of the contest will be sent to the teachers before the holidays to give them enough time to prepare their lesson plans. Chair Ziervogel would like to publish an article in the newspaper immediately, however it was decided to wait until school starts so that the information is fresh in students' minds.

8) Updates on Museums, Exhibits, Committees and Events related to Historic Preservation

Chair Ziervogel shared that she was on the front page of the paper along with an article on the approval of the Ponderosa House as a Historic Landmark Overlay.

She attended a Southwest Archaeology Team (SWAT) workshop to hear Tom Jones, Chair of the Phoenix Historic Preservation and Historic Archaeologist, speak.

Chair Ziervogel discussed the possibility of cancelling the Historic Preservation Board meetings for June and July. It was decided that the board would cancel the June meeting and reconvene in July. There are several board members attending the Arizona Historic Preservation Conference in June and the attendees would like to report back to the board about their experience at the July meeting.

9) Board Member comments, questions, and future agenda items

Chair Ziervogel, Vice Chair Mack-Allred and Board member Taylor attended the Mesa City Center Design Workshop. All felt this was an enjoyable and informative workshop. The City Center will be a connector and draw people to museums, downtown, etc.

10) Adjournment

Chair Ziervogel adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

First motion made by Board member Taylor, and seconded by Board member Dahlke.

Motion carried 5-0.

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